

Table C-7. Number of 1995 and 1996 science and engineering bachelor's degree recipients who are not working, and reasons for not working, by major field of degree: April 1997

Major field of 1995-96 S&E bachelor's degree	Total recipients	Total not working	Reasons for not working					
			Student	Suitable job not available	Family responsibilities	On layoff	Not need/ want to work	Other
All science and engineering fields.....	708,900	103,000	73,600	18,000	17,100	3,600	38,800	10,500
Major type								
Total science.....	593,800	93,600	67,700	15,700	16,200	2,700	36,000	9,700
Total engineering.....	115,100	9,400	5,900	2,300	900	S	2,800	S
Major field								
Computer and information sciences.....	41,000	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Life and related sciences, total.....	139,000	33,200	27,600	3,400	2,500	S	11,100	S
Agricultural and food sciences.....	14,000	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Biological sciences.....	115,300	31,400	26,500	2,900	S	S	10,600	S
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	9,700	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	26,800	2,300	1,500	S	S	S	S	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	36,600	5,900	5,000	900	S	S	2,200	S
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	20,100	4,100	3,600	S	S	S	1,700	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	9,200	900	S	S	S	S	S	S
Physics and astronomy.....	6,900	900	800	S	S	S	S	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	138,000	17,900	11,800	3,800	5,400	S	7,500	S
Social and related sciences, total.....	212,400	32,300	20,700	6,600	7,100	S	13,500	4,100
Economics.....	33,300	2,700	S	S	S	S	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	72,900	13,200	9,600	2,100	S	S	4,600	S
Sociology and anthropology.....	66,900	11,300	6,400	S	3,700	S	5,000	S
Other social sciences.....	39,300	5,100	3,000	S	S	S	2,700	S
Engineering, total.....	115,100	9,400	5,900	2,300	900	S	2,800	S
Aerospace and related engineering.....	3,000	300	S	S	S	S	S	S
Chemical engineering.....	11,600	1,100	S	S	S	S	S	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	20,700	1,900	S	S	S	S	S	S
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	32,900	2,800	1,400	S	S	S	S	S
Industrial engineering.....	5,800	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Mechanical engineering.....	27,900	1,400	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other engineering.....	13,200	1,700	1,400	S	S	S	S	S

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTES: Details may not add to totals because of rounding and also because respondents can mark more than one reason for not working. These estimates on recent college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals whose most recent bachelor's or master's degree is in a science or engineering field and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

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